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SUBJECT: NIGER DELTA: 3 NON-AMERICAN EXPATS KIDNAPPED

¶1. (SBU) Militants in 20-30 speed boats attacked a Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) support vessel at the EA Field offshore Bayelsa state around 20:45 on October 20. Shell security sources confirmed the kidnapping of three expatriate subcontractors: a Russian, Croatian and British national. Media reports indicate four Nigerian nationals were also taken. According to security sources, one civilian was reportedly injured and the vessel's communication system was damaged.

¶2. (SBU) Shell began work in early September to restart production from its EA offshore oilfield. The field has a 115,000 barrel per day capacity, but has been shut-in since February 2006.

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